GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES IN DISPENSARIES AND HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of shortage of essential medicines in CGHS dispensaries and Government hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make available essential medicines in these dispensaries/hospitals; and

(d) the expenditure incurred on purchase of medicine by CGHS during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(c): The bulk purchase of medicines for CGHSare made through the Medical Stores Organisation(MSO) of the Dte.GHS. Ir cases where the MSO is not able to supply medicinesor the Govt. specialist prescribes medicines outside the Govt. formulary, the CGHSprocures the same based on the individual prescription of the beneficiaries from the authorised local chemists appointed by the CGHS. In the case of urgently needed drugs, authority slips are issued to the beneficiaries for immediate procurement through the authorised local chemist.

At present, the availability of medicines in CGHS dispensaries is not adequate, but inconvenience to the beneficiaries on this account is minimised by purchasing medicines from the authorised local chemists appointed by the CGHS.Steps are in hand to procure essential and frequently used medicines at the earliest.

The information relating to Govt. hospitals in Delhi is being obtained and would be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(d): The information is given at Annexure-`A`.

ANNEXURE-A

STATEMENT SHOWING THE BUDGET ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS I.E. 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 IN CGHS DELHI UNDER SUB-HEAD (MATERIAL AND SUPPLY) (NON-PLAN).

Financial Year Total	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Total Budget Allocation	527250000.00	6714070000.00	916781000.00
Expenditure on Different system of medicines	Expenditure on different system of medicines	Expenditure on different systems of medicines	
Allopathic	442048359.00	518964093.00	742163982.00
(On local Purchase)			
MSO	51260516.00	76059353.00	77088369.00
ISM & H	24799510.00	34787919.00	46675386.00
Life saving & others	19141615.00	41595635.00	50853263.00
Total Expenditure	527250000.00	671407000.00	916781000.00